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This morning I received a visit from Byron B. Gentry, Commander-in-Chief of Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Brigadier General J. D. Hittle, USMC (Ret.), VFW Director of National Security and Foreign Affairs.

Gentry is the city prosecutor of Pasadena, California, a former All-American football player.

The purpose of the trip is to visit French and British veterans organizations, and to call upon British and French government officials from whom they have received invitations. Such duties are not onerous; Messrs. Gentry and Hittle seem to be enjoying themselves.

Mr. Kops and Mr. Pollard were my next callers. They are from Milwaukee, introduced by Congressman Henry Reuss. They are discussing with British financial interests the formation of a British-American life insurance company.

After a staff meeting, Admiral Paige Smith came to see me to tell me of his experiences at the CENTO meeting, especially his conversations with Pakistanis. It was an interesting and useful report.

Chip Bohlen came out to the house, where I was packing for a trip to Oxford. He has enjoyed his first weeks in Paris, ~~and looks in splendid health. It was an~~ excellent idea to send him there.

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E and I went to Oxford by train. Iris and William Hayter had arranged for us to meet the American undergraduates of New College at the Warden's ~~House~~ (the Hayter's 30-room 13th Century official residence).

There were about a dozen of these ~~students, only one of whom, Ellis Wisner,~~ I had previously met. Another, named Winston Churchill, is said to be particularly brilliant. Most of them are Rhodes scholars.

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